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RTC, 6 Months Old, Has Own Small School

Cadre Courses, Classes For Officers Keep Soldiers On Toes

The Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center, with a complete plant of its own at North Camp Hood, is now entering its sixth month of training. Almost unknown in comparison with the big Tank Destroyer School at the main camp, the RTC school has post-graduate courses for officers and cadre training courses.

Junior officers who are awaiting assignment take various courses offered in the four weeks' curriculum. Emphasis is placed on the courses in company administration, military law, and courtesies and customs of the service.

For enlisted personnel the RTC maintains the Cadre Training Course, an offshoot of the former OCS preparatory school. This course lasts two weeks and teaches methods of instruction, map reading, courtesies and customs of the service, military law, physical training, and dismounted drill.

Major Philip Vanderzick, commandant of the RTC schools, has introduced the small group system to make officers capable and confident instructors. An officer is called before these groups to give instruction in some particular subject in the school's program; actually the program aids in self instruction.

648th TD Bn. Is Commended

During training on the Battle Conditioning Course, June 20-26, the 648th TD Battalion did such a fine job that Major R. W. Sleator, director of the course, gave them a special commendation.

The Major, in a letter, commended the battalion for its fine cooperation, and exceptionally high morale and spirit, which, he stated, was responsible for the very excellent showing made by the battalion.

QUICK-THINKING TD

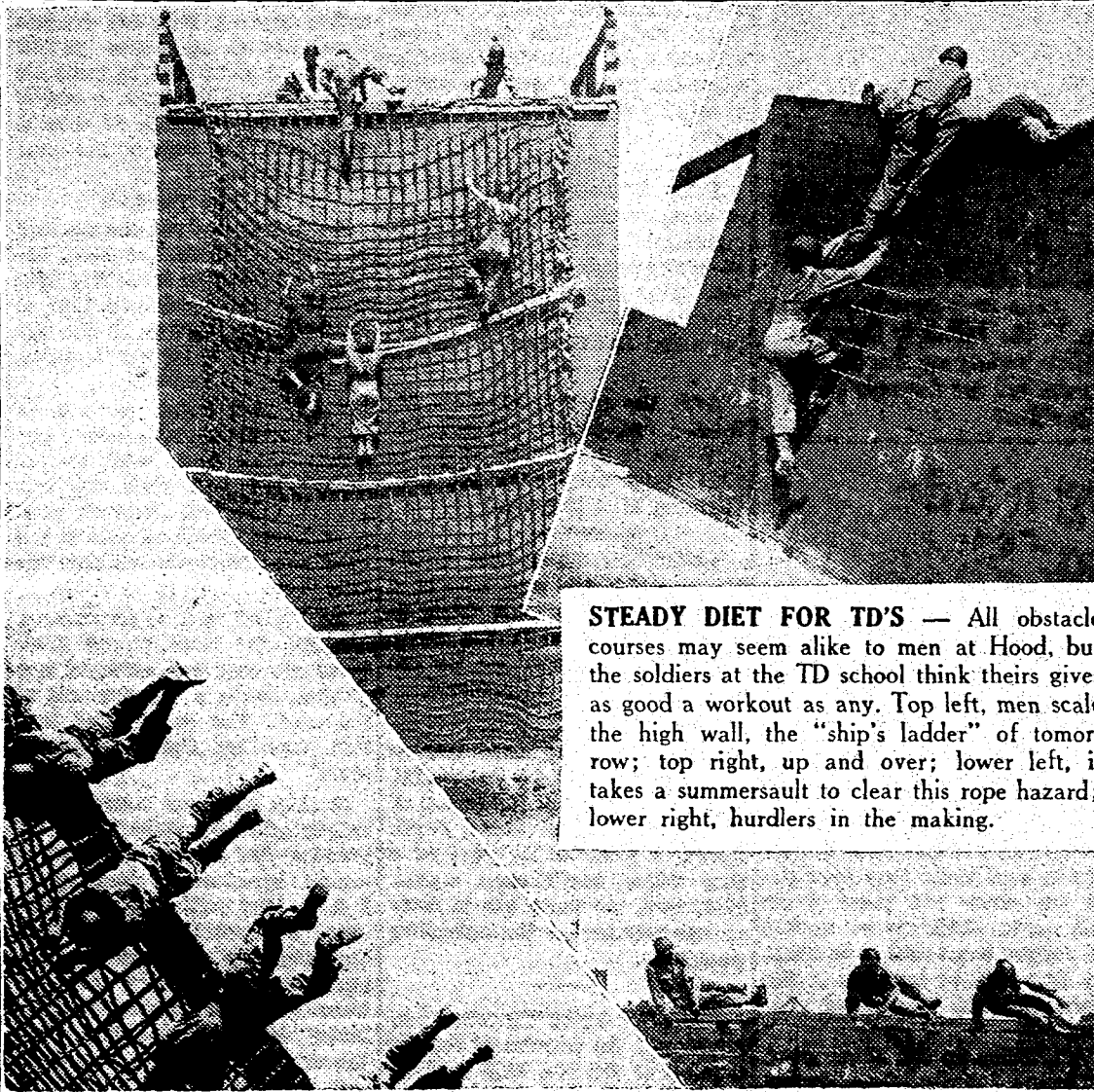
Pvt. R. Catron, Hq. Co. 653rd TD Bn., AUTC, used quick thinking in pulling a buddy from a fox hole on an infiltration course just before a "bomb" exploded.

So Dry The Pop Bottle

The broken bottle situation, it is reported by Maj. H. R. Hays, Post Exchange Officer, is still filled with promise—very bad promise.

Our allotment of beer and soda is progressively less, the PXs have less to sell each week—because they have fewer bottles to return—and they can only get one full bottle of beer or soda for each empty bottle in good condition they turn in.

Every time a wise guy tosses an empty bottle to the breeze, that's one less chance of getting a beer or coke when you're thirsty.



STEADY DIET FOR TD'S — All obstacle courses may seem alike to men at Hood, but the soldiers at the TD school think theirs gives as good a workout as any. Top left, men scale the high wall, the "ship's ladder" of tomorrow; top right, up and over; lower left, it takes a summersault to clear this rope hazard; lower right, hurdlers in the making.

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George Olsen Plays For Tonight's Dance



MUSIC MASTER—Playing for tonight's dance is popular leader George Olsen, above, and his band.

A dance to have even the chiggers and woodticks jittering will be shaking the rafters of the Field House tonight (Thursday, June 15.) The music will be by George Olsen and his "Music of Tomorrow."

Olsen is known for his suave, sophisticated style, which grows from the slow torch to flaming rhythms. It's music pitched smoothly for dancing, but also with a catchy listening quality.

Has Played The Country

His style is probably known to most people from his radio programs, most recently as the "Spot-Light" band, a return engagement to that program. Around the country he's played the Waldorf and Pennsylvania Hotels in New York, the Sherman, Edgewater Beach, and Drake in Chicago, the Ambassador in Los Angeles, the St. Francis in San Francisco, the Roosevelt in New Orleans, the Rice in Houston, and most of the first rate hotels and night clubs from coast to coast.

Will Play Top Tunes

Tonight he'll be playing that kind of music. His vocalists will be lovely Lillian Long and popular Freddy Cune. They'll be singing the top tunes of the day, as well as some that have stayed a long time, but smartly styled to the modern tempo.

This is Olsen's first free night in several months, the only one he'll have for the next six months, and it's rather a break for Camp Hood that he consented to give it up to tonight's Enlisted Men's dance.

Girls Admitted Free

The price will be \$1 for enlisted men, girls will be admitted free. Tickets will be on sale at the Service Clubs, the Special Services Office, or at the Field House, and may be bought at the dance, which will start at 8:30 p. m.

It's a long way from "Kid Boots," which was Olsen's first

Broadway break, with Eddie Cantor, to Camp Hood, but one he's taken in stride. After that first show he played in "Whoopee," "Happy Days," "Follow Through," "Good News," "Ziegfeld Follies," and "Sunny."

Helped Many Stars

Olsen, it has been said, has been responsible wholly or partially for making more stars than any man in the business. For that reason he has been the confidant of thousands of amateur hopefuls in every town he has visited. The smiling leader—a smile that has become his trademark—has never been known to turn away a tyro who wanted to talk to him. He remembers that because he stopped to listen, he was able to help a trio of hopefuls on the way to stardom, Fred MacMurray, George Murphy, and Helen Morgan, just to mention three.

Heads Internment Camp

Colonel Harold L. Nickerson, former camp executive officer at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, has taken over his new duty as executive officer of the internment camp at North Camp Hood.

Col. Nickerson, a veteran of the first World War, is from Shreveport, Louisiana.

May Release Engineers In ASTP Courses

Plan Would Give Tenth Of Students Civilian Status

The Army will release to hard-pressed civilian activities, according to an Associated Press story, 10 per cent of the 130,000 soldiers who finish the Army Specialized Training Program. The men released will all be students of engineering.

An official announcement some time ago which stated that one of the uses to be made of men completing ASTP would be "for important work outside the Army" adds weight to this AP story.

Limited Service en

Present acute shortages in certain professions which were reported by the War Manpower Commission were supposed to have encouraged this new plan. The WMC appealed for help in taking care of civilian industry.

Approximately 13,000 men would be sent back to civilian life. Most of those released, the AP source added, would be limited service men.

Men who are to be released would not be chosen until after completion of their course of study. Meanwhile, they would continue with the same training and schedules as other candidates.

Camp offices connected with ASTP selection said that engineering continues to be one of the larger quotas being filled at Specialized Training and Reassignment (STAR) Units.

No Word On Psychology

With the official announcement of the dropping of psychology study, the War Department, according to Army Times, will no longer recommend for ASTP men mainly qualified in psychology; nor will men who are qualified in psychology be sent to STAR units. If men already at STAR Units who are skilled psychologists do not qualify for one of the other fields of study, they will be shipped back to regular units. There is no indication when, if at all, psychology classes will be resumed.

Camp Hood's ASTP Selection Boards are still processing men daily. About 9,000 men will have been processed when the job is completed. With the ASTP well started now, soldiers from Hood are being sent and have been sent to colleges all over the country from STAR Units.

Movie Made In Camp Shown

"Accent on Courage," a Fox Movietone film made of the training conducted on the Battle Conditioning Courses here at Camp Hood, was shown at the Camp theaters last week (July 5, July 10th).

The 774th TD Battalion and the 113th Cavalry Regiment participated in the making of the film, and Major Joel B. White, Jr., of Battle Conditioning Courses, assisted in directing the film.

The film will be shown again at different times, to various units in Camp.

Silver Star Awarded To Capt. Hatfield

Cited by President Roosevelt for gallantry in action, Cap. Ernest C. Hatfield, Jr., aide to Maj. Gen. Orlando G. Ward, commanding general of TDC, was awarded the Silver Star last Saturday.

Captain Hatfield, who was serving with the First Armored Division as aide to Maj. Gen. Ward during the North African campaign, was decorated for his "gallantry in action against the enemy" March 25—when he was the only officer who reached the top of Djebel-Naemi, Tunisia, in an assault on that objective.



CAREFUL CHAPLAIN! Chaplain T. H. Talbot is hung on dilemma. He has a terrific story (fish variety as the picture shows)—but being chaplain he must set an example. Will someone listen to the Chaplain's troubles?

Aircraft Spotting Made Easy With 'Bingo,' Slides

"Name Your Plane," a form of bingo used to add interest and instructional value to the aircraft recognition courses, is popular these days at the Tank Destroyer School.

The bingo offspring is part of the recognition course designed to give all students a sound knowledge of the aircraft of friendly and enemy nations. It requires very little equipment. In place of the wheel used in bingo games, the Weapons Department has de-

vised an enlarged edition of the standard Army aircraft identification discs, showing on one disc the silhouette of the planes, which can be lined up with the second disc where the name, country, and outstanding characteristics of the plane are given.

To play "Name Your Plane," the first disc is spun, the players identify each plane that stops under the arrow and check it on their cards, which are set up like the regular bingo card as in bingo, the first man to complete a line across his card is declared winner.

In addition to the bingo game, the course includes slides, movies, wall charts, playing cards with printed plane silhouettes, and a large collection of models. Many of these models are produced by grade and high school students throughout the nation.

The final test is designed to determine the effectiveness of the instruction. Slides of 30 planes are flashed on the screen for one second each, in which time the student is required to identify the plane by its outstanding characteristics.

Co. D, 134th Beats B Co. In Softball

In a see-saw game, with both teams exchanging the lead right up to the last inning, the Company D, 134th Bn., RTC, North Camp Hood, softball team outlasted the Company B, 134th Bn. softball club and won out in a recent twilight game, 10 to 9.

Pvt. Ray Glinksi, righthander from Wisconsin, went the route for the victors. It was his second win of the season. Glinksi allowed only two earned runs and whiffed seven men.

TD Played Ball, Was Golden Glover

A versatile athlete at the Tank Destroyer School is Pvt. Tom Winslow, a member of the Student Regiment baseball team. Following a brief stay in semi-pro competition, he played minor league baseball with Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Amateur boxing found him a leading figure in 1935. Pvt. Winslow that year won the New York Golden Gloves championship in the lightweight division, taking eight straight bouts in his march to the crown.

653rd 'Victory Garden'

Not content to fight the war, the 653rd TD Bn., AUTC, is building a "victory garden" near its headquarters—at least that's what the men call the terrain map being constructed.

Odd Numbers

AMONG THE FASCINATING FIGURES arriving at this office is a set which suggests that the men in Camp Hood prefer soda to beer.

During the first week of July the PXs sold 893,813 bottles of soda—and only 176,895 bottles of beer.

The local skeptic avers there is nothing to worry about, as it is more likely a shortage of beer rather than a shortage of capacity.

LESS EASILY EXPLAINED is the single stalk of corn growing coyly beside the orderly room of Serv. Troop, 113th Cav. Regt. (Mecz.) Corny gags ripen with the vegetable on the stalk as suspicious eyes scan plates in the mess hall.

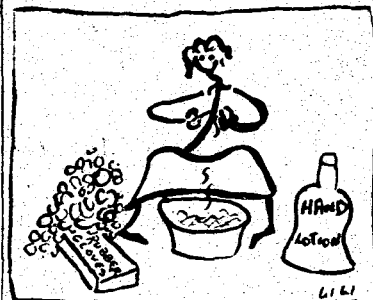
S-Sgt. Newman and Gordon, of Specials Service Office, have been sending the same kind of compromising billets-doux to Phil Harris, Alice Faye, and Katharine Grayson that they sent to Bob Hope and Red Skelton.

With the wind in the right direction, Mr. Harris will probably play truant from night school to visit Camp Hood with his wife, following Miss Grayson.

ANOTHER KIND OF COMPROMISE is the man who as a civilian wrote the book "How to Get A Commission in the Army, Navy, Marines, Etc." — He has been promoted — to corporal.

Plaintive queries from men of the Rcn. Co., 655th TD Bn., BUTC, ask if the project at the corner of 21st St. and Leon Drive, North Camp, is a swimming pool or a new battle conditioning course. Most men, we learn, are in favor of conditioning — the swimming pool kind.

REFLEX CONDITIONING you might call the unanimous vote by a group of WAACs, 1848 Unit, to buy rubber gloves and hand lotion for KPs. Asked for comment on the announcement, Sgt. Hardtack Moriarity, 73 years foreign service in China and Texas, said, quote, "God Love 'Em, end quote."



THE PARATROOPS ARE GETTING THE BIRD—pigeons which they drop by parachute and use to send messages back to Hq. Pigeons in Parachutes. Page Gertrude Stein.

A bird of another hue took off with a watermelon from the 37th St. Service Club recently.

LYRICALLY LOVELY in the army tradition, is "Gertie From Bizerte, whom we have borrowed from the Army Times, and present with questionable pride."

Dirty Gertie from Bizerte,
Hid a mouse-trap in her skirt,
Tied it to her knee-cap purty,
Baited it with Fleur-de-Flirte,
Made her boy friends' fingers hurt,
Made her boy friends most alety.

She was voted in Bizerte,
"Miss Latrine for Nineteen-thirty."

Pfc. Joe Elson, Hqs. Co. 822nd TD Bn., claims to have the magic touch in passing thimbles through handkerchiefs, cutting from a deck any card requested, or similar quicker-than-the-eye passes. The company waits breath abated to see how magic his touch is on the 1st Sgt. for a three day pass.

Cpl. Leo Bacher, 629th TD Bn., is also looking for a magic touch—one that will make hair grow fast, when your furlough comes through two days after you got a GI haircut.

No Snug Harbor For Goldbricks In Band

Men In Band Are Plenty GI;
And Do A Full Day's Work

If Reilly is in the army—as he probably is by now—he'd be a sucker to join a band. He might think that life in a GI band was all fun, skittles, and beer when available, but his disillusionment would be sudden and rude. Life in the band is not the life for Reilly.

There'd be no point to such comment ordinarily, since if we ignore the incorrigible goldbricks, nobody's job in the army is featherlined. But somehow there is an idea wandering around

that a guy in the band is somebody's nephew, that his occupational hazard is static saddle blisters, in short that he toots his horn or beats his drum a couple of hours for a couple of days a week, and the rest of the time rides a breeze.

By The Numbers

It isn't so, and you can tell that to Reilly. Life for the band begins at reveille; in fact, they beat reveille to the break and blow it in. And from there on in the day for the band is by the numbers, in strictly GI fashion.

They work nights as well as days—and there's no overtime pay—they work seven days out of many weeks, and while they can get an occasional midweek pass, a week-end pass is as rare in the band as a Texan who willingly admits there are 47 other states.

Taking last week as an example, the 2nd TD Band played seven times one day, and averaged five playing details a day the rest of the week. The dance band section played six nights out of the seven.

If they have any time not officially scheduled, they use it for practice—but unscheduled time is mostly hypothetical. Starting at 1 A.M., they police up their barracks and rehearsal room. They drop the mop and broom for instruments and put in a couple of hours drill—not just straight infantry drill, but also their own intricate and tricky formations and routines. The rest of the morning they practice together.

No Unscheduled Time

In the afternoon they have individual practice. The late afternoon the dance band practices its arrangements. The first man in each section is responsible for the rest, so there is usually some time devoted to instruction.

This, of course, presupposes a day when there would be no details. Since the sun has never set on such a day, the schedule is squeezed into the spaces between details.

The 2nd TD Band—which is typical of bands, and will serve conveniently as the hard-life example—has overall strength of 32 men and a clerk who can double in brass. Thirteen of the men also work the night shift, the dance band.

There's never a weekend when they aren't playing for dances. They play for officers' dances as well as the enlisted men's dances—though enlisted men's affairs have first priority. They're also on call for USO dances at nearby towns.

Plenty Of Discipline

It's true that because of time given to rehearsal, they don't have as much suck-in-your-guts-throw-out-your-chest discipline as most other outfits, but their musical discipline is just as rigid and demanding. The warrant officer in charge of the 2nd TD Band, for instance, Mr. Leon Zawiszczy, holds the men in the band as strictly to account as any company commander does his gun crews or drivers.

Until his induction Mr. Zawiszczy army. Until his induction he was concert master of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, and before that played first violin with the Cleveland and Minneapolis orchestras.

Men Know Their Jobs

Not all the men in the band were professional musicians in civilian life; but all of them are better than average instrumentalists. The dance band has enough upper-case professional musicians to give it tone and poise—and its popularity is attested by the fact

that they are rarely ever able to fulfill all the requests for their services.

Steve Maik as a civilian was arranger and first trombonist with Louis Prima's orchestra. Before that he held down the first trombone chair for Claude Thornhill and Terry Shane.

Adam Dillert played the drums in Charley Barnett's band; Bill Kerr played the sax and clarinet in his own band in New Orleans and Boston; Joe Steffen played the trumpet with such bands as Harold Stearns, Irving Aronson, and Deacon Moore.

Charles Dandrow was a teacher, and a student at the Julliard School of Music; James E. Daigle taught music in the Baton Rouge schools. Vinnie Dolch played the trombone for Hod Williams' band; Bill McNabney was tenor sax for Bob Zurke's orchestra.

Philip Ostrow's last job before his army contract was at the Chicago Glass Hat with Freddy Mann. Harry Greenberg played the sax and clarinet with Shep Fields, and, just before he got his army greeting, was with Anne Dupont at the New York Roseland.

Know Their Musical Way

Robert Johnson led the Seven Johnson Brother's band; and doing peripatetic stunts with some of the best bands around the country. Raymond Lantier, tenor sax, and George Mate, trumpet.

They're men who know woefully well what it is to play all night and rehearse all day, to make one day's stands and travel on flat wheeled trains, and since it would seem you've got to like music to make it a profession, they're not given to weeping over their hard work in the TD Band.

Being in the band, they've discovered, is not goldbrick's snug harbor. If Reilly does decide to join the band, he'd best forget the life he led in story and wistful anecdote, he's going to sweat it out or get transferred to an outfit where he may get a chance to hide a lazy note. If he sticks with the band, he'll start at 6 A.M. most days and crawl into bed wearily wiser most nights about the time the coyotes are tuning up for a Texas Serenade.

Insignia To Be Sold Only At PX And QM

The manufacture and sale of Army insignia by civilian firms will be prohibited within three months, according to a War Dept. announcement quoted by the Camp Newspaper Service. After that Army insignia will have to be bought at a PX or Quartermaster stores.

WAAC 'Social Notes'

The WAAC Det., 1848 Unit, recently attended a dance and chicken dinner in their honor, given by the 479th Ord. Co. in the bivouac area.

Following that they invited 100 soldiers to a dance which they gave at the 268th St. Rec. Hall. Streamers red, white, and blue; music by the 2nd TD Band.

And 33 of them took the July 4th week-end at Panther Park.

African Veteran Here

Capt. William M. Adams, who recently returned from the North African theater of operations, has been assigned to Hq. AUTC.

Form All-Star Swing Band

Playing under the direction of S-Sgt. William S. Clark, Rcn. Co., 614 TD Bn., the Camp Hood All-Star Band has come out of the formation stage and has been playing for various functions in the vicinity of Camp Hood.

It is a swing group made up of members from several battalions in camp.

Its most recent engagement was in Cameron, where they played at the USO-sponsored July 4th dance. Miss Johnette Ketchum of Brownwood was soloist and Pvt. Donald Berry, 829 TD Bn. was featured dancer.

Tng. Brig. Softball Club Wins Series From Hq. Co. 605 Bn.

During a recent three-game series between the Hq. Co., Training Brigade and Hq. Co., 605th TD Bn. softball teams, honors were even at the end of the first two games of play.

Going into the "crucial" third game of the series, the Tng. Brigade ten, behind the stout-hearted hurling of Pfc. Lester Oie, emerged the victors by a count of 7 to 4. Oie pitched masterful ball all the way, to keep the 605th club well in check.

The Hq. Co. Tng. Brigade ten has won six out of its last seven games.

Form Athletic Teams

Headquarters Company, TD BUTC, North Camp Hood, recently organized a volleyball and softball team.

The two teams consist of the following players: T-Sgt. Charles Connor, S-Sgt. Harlan Doty, Sgt. Cecil Chitt, S-Sgt. Kurt Englebrecht, T-4 James Likener, Cpl. John Gustafson, Pfc. Lynn Bloom, Sgt. Paul Parcher, Sgt. Herman Weh, Pfc. Julio Oliveri, Sgt. Victor Spencer and S-Sgt. Fred Mat news.

Games may be scheduled by contacting Pvt. Maurice Farkas at 3109 W, North Camp Hood.

ASTP Trainees Take To Soldiering Like Ducks To Water

By Staff Sgt. Charles A. Hamilton

Watching the first group of Army Specialized Training Program trainees going through their initial drill session at North Camp Hood, a high-ranking, experienced officer commented: "They drill better than most recruits do after several weeks' training!"

These soldiers—ranging in age from 18 to 22—might be called the "cream of the crop." About 75 per cent of them have attended college, specializing in such fields as chemistry, engineering, and electrical work. A few are government students. There are few languages specialists in the first group. To qualify, each man must have scored 115, or better, in the Army general classification test.

At North Camp Hood, basic training of 13 weeks is given these new candidates for ASTP, and after that time, they are classified and sent on to schools. Two regiments of four battalions each have already been activated at the camp.

A big number of the trainees have had ROTC training in high school and college. Some arrived equipped with field manuals and books on military procedure.

Much Equipment

A large amount of equipment to be used by the ASTP units has already arrived. Included are mortars, 30-caliber machine guns, and grenades. Five grenade courses, five bayonet courses, a mortar range and rifle ranges for transition firing are now being constructed.

Night marches and problems are on the program, and instruction in mine laying, picking up and avoiding mines, anti-tank tactics and bivouacs are planned. Several of the men have done

research along technical lines. Others are accomplished musicians, several have written prize-winning poems and plays that have been produced. Many received scholarship awards and one has a Carnegie Scholarship. High ranks in the Boy Scouts have also been attained by some of these men, while others have been members of championship athletic teams, both in college and state contests. One is a Montana State champion runner.

Most Former Students

The Johnny Doughboy-Specialists of 1943 are not all ex-students, for some of them have been laborers, mechanics, store clerks, farmers, one a cow puncher, a look-out at Mt. Ranier, Washington, another a radio announcer. The majority, though, were called to service before completing their college courses.

Several have fathers in the service; one is the son of a lieutenant colonel, and another, the son of a major.

Some of these men were born in China, Japan, the Philippines, the Free City of Danzig—and even the state of Texas. Most, however, came from either the Middle Atlantic states or the West Coast.



'THREE R'S' FOR ASTP BASICS—With the arrival of the first groups of men for the Army Specialized Training Battalions at North Camp, scenes above were typical as top, Sgt. Earl Patton of the cadre showed Army routine to Pvt. Raymond E. Van Kirk, Pvt. Sam Frankel, and Pvt. Gerald A. Champlin, all of the 132nd AST Bn., RTC. The men are seeing a model of correct barbed wire construction. Center, left to right, Pvt. Robert Nesh and Pvt. Gilbert Magruder find that KP isn't a degree but you can get it quicker than a BA. Lower, T-5 Ralph Braden, 132nd AST Bn., aids Pvt. Frank P. Kruppe Jr. in demonstrating needle threading to, left to right, Pvt. Nicholas J. Laurens, Pvt. Donald Voth, and Pvt. Edward Buzza. (See story at left).

Theater Schedules

162nd St. and 37th St. Theaters

Thurs., July 15: Background To Danger.
Friday, July 16: Double Feature: Crime Doctor and Yanks Ahoy.
Saturday, July 17: Union Pacific.
Sun.-Mon., July 18-19: Dixie.
Tuesday, July 20: Spitfire.
Wed.-Thurs., July 21-22: Pilot No. 5.

Hood Road and 24th St. Theaters

Thurs.-Fri., July 15-16: Hit The Ice.
Saturday, July 17: Double Feature: Crime Doctor and Yanks Ahoy.
Sun.-Mon., July 18-19: Background To Danger.
Tuesday, July 20: Union Pacific.
Wednesday, July 21: Spitfire.
Thurs., Fri., July 22-23: Dixie.

72nd Street Theater

Thursday, July 15: Double Feature: Crime Doctor and Yanks Ahoy.
Fri.-Sat., July 16-17: Background To Danger.
Sunday, July 18: Union Pacific.
Monday, July 19: Spitfire.
Tuesday-Wed., July 20-21: Dixie.
Thursday, July 22: Double Feature: Good Luck, Mr. Yates and Gals, Inc.

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Avenue "D" and 24th St. Theaters

Thursday, July 15: Presenting Lily Mars.
Friday, July 17: Good Luck, Mr. Yates and Gals, Inc.
Sun.-Mon., July 18-19: Hit The Ice.
Tuesday, July 20: Two Tickets To London.
Wed.-Thurs., July 21-22: Background To Danger.

18th and 15th St. Theaters

Thursday, July 15: The Forest Rangers.
Friday, July 16: Coney Island.
Saturday, July 17: Presenting Lily Mars.
Sunday, July 18: Two Tickets To London.
Monday, July 19: Double Feature: Good Luck, Mr. Yates and Gals, Inc.
Tues.-Wed., July 20-21: Hit The Ice.
Thursday, July 22: Union Pacific.

4th And 10th St. Theaters

Thurs.-Fri., July 15-16: Mister Lucky.
Saturday, July 17: Two Tickets To London.
Sun.-Mon., July 18-19: Presenting Lily Mars.
Tuesday, July 20: Double Feature: Good Luck, Mr. Yates and Gals, Inc.
Wednesday, July 21: Union Pacific.
Thursday, July 22: Hit The Ice.

Pigeons Used By 113th Cav.

Though working combat problems with TDs since December, the two phases of tactics were used by the 113th Cav. Regt. (Mecz.) for the first time on a recent problem. In one air-ground liaison was conducted with the aid of the 113 Obs. Sqn., and in the second, pigeons were used for alternate communications.

Twenty-eight pigeons were used to supplement radio in transmitting messages and, particularly, overlays to the main C. P. The plane was used as a demonstration of the use of AGL panels. Both proved very successful.

28th Birthday Marked By 113th Cav. Regt.

The 4th of July had double meaning for the 113th Cav. Regt. (Mecz.) It was also the Regiment's 28th birthday, and thus the occasion for Col. William S. Biddle, commanding, to declare a holiday for the Regiment.

Amunition

Back the Attack With Bonds—it never had so much meaning, it never had so much importance as it does today. The attack is on.

From Tunis. To Pantelleria. To Sicily. To . . . ? We'll be marching through Rome one day—soon.

It takes guns and amunition to push the attack on to Berlin. Let's back the men over there, and back ourselves at the same time—
BUY BONDS.

Nazi Victim Travelled Long Way Around To Reach TD RTC

When a friendly Italian officer allowed him to slip into France across the border from Italy, Cpl. Hans Lenkowitz of the TD RTC began a series of exploits which finally brought him into the Army and North Camp Hood.

A German refugee, Lenkowitz in crossing Italy in a car bearing German license plates back in 1938, found the Italians showing much enmity to Germans.

A former resident of Cologne, Germany, Lenkowitz, ran into persecution in Germany back in 1934 when he was a student in a university near that city. The Jewish students were told not to go to class "or else." But it was not until a year later when Germany began to arm and occupy the Rhineland that it dawned up refugees like Lenkowitz that the Nazis were on the way to an attempt at world conquest.

Anticipating this coming horror, Lenkowitz and his family, brother and sister, left Germany in 1938. His father went to France by way of Switzerland and the rest of the family reached France by way of Italy, only to end up, in a French concentration camp when France and Germany declared war against each other.

When the Nazis overran France the concentration camp was placed under Gestapo jurisdiction. Later the Jews in the camp were bundled into freight cars and carried back to Germany. But Lenkowitz and his brother managed to hide in the tunnel of a brick factory within the stock-

ade, and later broke out and made their way to Nice.

Friends aided them. Lenkowitz obtained a fake Roumanian passport and made his way through Spain to Portugal. The rest of the family also reached Portugal and all, eventually sailed for New York. Lenkowitz, assigned to the 217 TD Tng. kowitz, assigned to the 127 TD Bn., RTC, entered the Army from New York City. Serving in the Army Ground Forces is the best way that he knows by which he can liberate his persecuted people in Germany.

Many thousands of people in Germany hate Hitler and the Nazi party, he claims, but because of the ever watchful Gestapo they dare not now utter a word in retaliation. But their day will come, the corporal predicted.

Field Problems Done In Miniature First

Each battalion in AUTC has constructed a terrain plot, representing a certain piece of ground upon which small problems can be worked by the officers, non-coms and key personnel prior to executing the problem in the field.

The 815th TD Bn., commanded by Lt. Col. Becker, staged an excellent problem on its terrain plot last week.

New Fathers

Cpl. Jack Lacey of the battle conditioning course and Pvt. John C. Stookey, Hq. AUTC, are new fathers; both of the new additions are boys.

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A Lesson For Today

In a recent issue of the Reader's Digest magazine there was a little anecdote about an army man who rushed into a bank and demanded a check book for an air base. The clerk said one book cost \$2.00 and two books cost \$1.50. The army man said he didn't care what the books cost. "The government was paying for it." The alert teller shot back, "I care, I'm a taxpayer!"

While this incident might be taken in a humorous light, there is a strong lesson in it for us. We in the Army are on trial before the American people.

No matter how urgent the demands of war may be, the American will always be watchful for careless spending. The army practices conservation of materials and prudent spending as a matter of policy. But it is necessary that all of us get a constant example of thrift and regard for careful spending.

Army Is Careful

Long before the war, the Army followed a plan of food conservation. Strict rules were laid down for the purchase and use of foods. And in mess halls, every attempt is made to see that no food is wasted.

But the food saving means nothing if it stops in the Army mess hall. Soldiers are especially open to observation when they leave camp. What good is it if you eat properly in the mess hall and then waste food in a restaurant. Civilians are rationed, and wastefulness on the part of Army men in town is bound to provoke criticism.

The civilian with a tightened belt isn't going to appreciate the soldier who orders more than he can eat, and then leaves enough food on the plate for another meal. There is no reason why a man who is in the Army can't take care of himself outside camp so that his behavior won't attract public ill-will.

Soldiers Get Top Choice

This whole idea of giving the Army top choice on all commodities and supplies is going to make Mr. John Public that much more resentful of any ungentlemanly actions by service men. We get first crack at bus and train seats, in the larger cities reductions on hotel rates, hospitality without question—in short we in the service are being given the cream of everything.

That's why the careless or crude actions of any Army man will reflect on the whole service. That's why your uniform is a responsibility as well as a free ticket to America's heart. That's why America is going to be more and more willing to squawk whenever an Army man behaves as though his being in uniform gives him license to act with discourtesy, without regard for the feelings and needs of other Americans.

The Army has numberless vehicles. The Army has lots of gas. The army has lots of clothes. The army has enough food. The Army has lot of money. These things are given to us to do swiftly an important job. They are not an excuse for wanton disregard for standards of need and thrift.

Courtesy Important

When you speed on the highway, when you hog food in restaurants, when you plough over the rights of civilians, you are going to make it that much harder for the Army to get the things it needs for victory.

Because ours is a democratic Army, an army chosen from all levels of society, there are bound to be some who will take advantage of their uniform. It's our job to see that this does not happen.

Remember, Americans are watching you; If you act brazen, you give yourself away as one unused to good things and you hurt the Army. When you respect the rights and feelings of civilians, you do credit to yourself and to the Army.

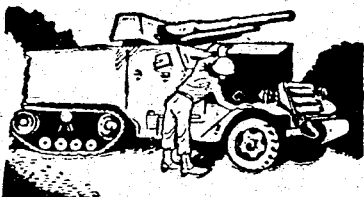
Let's not make the little item in Reader's Digest part of the story of this war.

This Is Your Worry

(The poem below was inspired by the "Gun Commander's Catechism" which appeared in a memorandum put out by Maj. Gen. Orlando Ward, commanding general, TDC.)

There's a helluva lot of things to do
When you put a gun in position.
A guy has gotta be on the ball,
When its time to make a decision.
There's the field of fire; concealment enough?
And covered routes of approach.
It isn't like a baseball game,
Where the planning comes from the coach.
Where are the tanks? How will they come?
In that swamp, will they bog in the mire?
And one of the most important things,
Is this gun ready to fire?
We know how far it is to those woods,
If they happen to come that way.
The rest of the crew feel just like me,

Looking UNDER THE HOOD



These are definitely dog-days. And if the heat were not enough, this is the day the mascot of the 14 TD Gp. has his, presented, almost lyrically, by CPL. DAN LO-POTNIKOV:

As the 14 TD Gp. rolled into Camp Hood recently, probably the only disinterested member of the unit was a "PFC" riding in one of the command cars. He wasn't any too certain that the advance training was going to be to his liking—in fact, a chance to go through basic training again was what he was after. You couldn't blame him, for it was in the first few months of the 14 TD Gp. that life became to him something worth living. Proof of this was his "PFC" rating. What more could a dog ask?

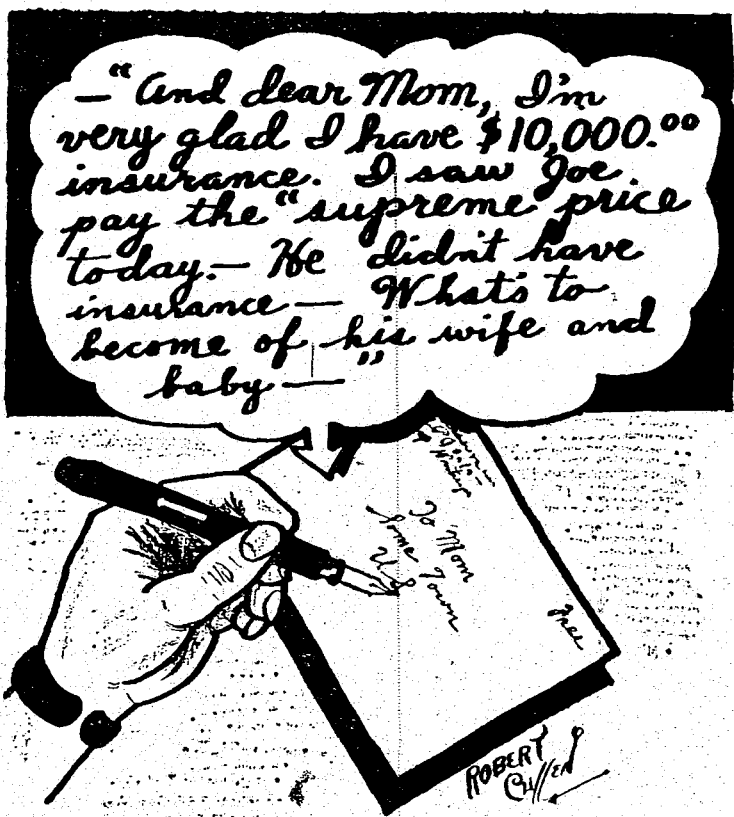
A Real Dog Face

Yes, the unexcited "PFC" was a dog, but not just an ordinary dog (and if you know what's good for you, don't voice any negative thoughts on the matter while near a member of the 14 Gp.) Whitey has a great deal of Spitz in his family tree, and the brown spots behind his ears and on his chest only serve to distinguish him from other members of that dog family. His age is unknown, but it is believed that he still has to celebrate his first birthday. He came into the organization through the former commander of the Hq. Det., Capt. R. Harpster. As soon as the new recruit learned that Col. Hedden was the Group's CO, it was noticed that he was always erect and ready with a wag of his tail when the Colonel passed by.

Of course, like every other soldier he has his faults and the worst of these manifested itself while the outfit was in bivouac. He was on sentry duty, in the vicinity of the Message Center, and it soon became obvious that someone had neglected to teach him always there was to be known about guard duty, especially in regard to his general orders. He knew the eleventh General Order by heart (being especially watchful at night and challenging everyone)—because he barked at everyone that approached his area (friend or foe) and the ninth general order hadn't escaped him because he always found the corporal of the guard to help him out when his constant barking failed to halt the intruders.

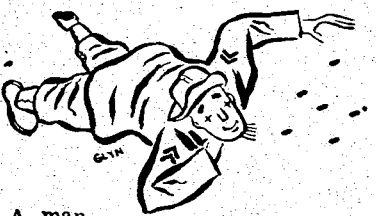
May Be Promoted

Now that Whitey has settled down at Hood, his attitude toward life has changed and he is in high spirits again. The majority of the organization's members believe this change due to the promise of the present Detachment commander, Capt. T. J. Conlin, to make him a T-5 if he takes his advanced training as seriously as he did the basic training. A few cynics, though, say that his high spirits is to do certain hip-swinging mem-



bers of Camp Hood's large, if not exclusive, canine colony.

Free verse and free falling bodies inspired by the upper of a double bunk, both by GLYN—



SGT. MARTIN R. WATSON, Co. A, 819 TD Bn. takes pride in various things this week, his battalion, his home state, the fighting prowess of American soldiers:

"It certainly looks as our 819th TD Bn is becoming very adapt as a bunch of fierce fighting 'T.D.'s" after six months of intensive training, under apt leadership.

"Naturally, we are all in a sweat concerning possible furloughs. The majority of us have never before been away from the one we love for such a lengthy time. When I came to Texas, I expected to see nothing but cows and cowboys, but about all I've found so far are cactus! Why, in my home town there are more cows than I've seen in Texas so far. It is the only cow pasture in the United States with a traffic light in the center.

What We're Fighting For
"I'm a Southerner from Virginia, and damn proud of it too. But, after all, we are fighting for the same cause, and no matter who we are or where we are from, we are still Americans and those damn Japites and Hitlerites will rue the day they ever attacked the good old U. S. A.

"The better soldier we are now the quicker we will be back with our home folks."

Will we give 'em hell today.
We'll pick our positions out to the flanks
And we'll know how to get there, but fast.
C-mon you tankers, make your break,
But, you won't be here at the last.
We know what we're here for, we've looked at the map
Over there is the third platoon,
This whole damn crew knows the score,
And it can't begin too soon.
Let's check on security. Where are they now?
We've all heard of infiltration.
Are my pioneer tools sharp enough
To cut off his consternation.
Have we plenty of food in the little cans?
And water to drink—That's good.
We've got to keep this crew of ours,
in their usual fighting mood.
You've checked these things, you've done all you can,
You know there's a fight to be won;
But, you'll sit right down and think some more,
So you'll not leave a thing undone.
Submitted by S-Sgt. H. A. Dunshee,
1st TD Tr. Gp.

Army Quiz

1. What is the monthly pay of a Chinese soldier?
2. Do the WAACs have an official service flag?
3. What does it cost to outfit a ground forces infantry soldier?
4. What per cent of the U. S. Army is not in combat duty?
5. How many trained pilots are there in the world today?
6. How much food, clothing and equipment must be transported monthly to keep one soldier in combat?

Quote Of The Week

The greatest tribute we can pay the Unknown Soldier is to have no more of them.—Walter Winchell.



EDITOR, The Panther:

I read your article about the Army Specialized Training Unit at Texas A&M College with a great deal of interest because I was approved by a reviewing board and expect to be sent to a similar unit shortly.

I have been trying hard to get in shape for the tests that are given at the Specialized Training and Reassignment Units (STAR) but I can't seem to find anything definite to study about. Making good at ASTP means a great deal to me. Financial difficulties kept me from going to college before. I would appreciate it if you could enlighten me on the kinds of tests given to soldiers at STAR units like A&M.

I have been brushing up on past study that I did in foreign languages and mathematics. So any help you can give me about the tests would be really fine.

PFC Robert McKinnon,
Co. C, 648th TD Bn.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Three main types of tests are given at the STAR units; aptitude, specific ability tests, and a test similar to the AGCT. For the first and the last there is no real preparation. However, your brushing up on languages and mathematics will be of help in all the tests. The tests are difficult; but the officers realize that you may have been away from books for some time.

Bond Budget For Post-War

A recent memorandum from Hy. 8th Serv. Command called attention to a "Letter of the Week" in the Saturday Evening Post, which probably summed up the case for bonds as succinctly as anything ever will.

The letter was written by Arthur Gordon of Savannah, Ga.:

"Where do they get this 'give' stuff, these smart 'idea' men who are selling War Bonds? I've been buying bonds for quite a while and I have fun with my bonds. Soon as I get one I sit down and try to decide which envelope to put it in. One envelope is marked: 'Yellowstone Trip, 1955.' Another says: 'Postwar automobile.' A third simply: 'College For Patricia.' A fourth says: 'Retirement fund for aged workman (me).' And there are others. Not full, Lord knows. But started.

"Why don't they come right out and tell me that I'm not giving anybody anything, or sacrificing anything, or contributing anything, really! Sure, I'm helping the war effort. But I'm doing myself the biggest favor of all.

"Unpatriotic to look ahead like this with the war still unwon? Not at all! What are we fighting for, if it isn't to go to Yellowstone in 1955? What War Bonds offer me is a chance to grab myself a slice of the future we're all fighting for."

First Show At 660 TD Area

The 660th TD Battalion held its opening stage presentation in its new area, Table Rock Camp No. 3, recently.

Featured in the production was the USO-Blue Network unit. Their offerings of songs, dances, and skits were enthusiastically received by the men of the 660th, and their guests, the 661st TD Battalion.

Special attraction of the performance was the appearance of the two Queens of Camp Hood, Private Bessie Cartmiglia, WAAC and Miss Dorothy Klecka. They were attended by the maids of honor, the Misses Margaret Caughlin and Rita Neises, both of Temple, Texas.

An extensive program of events is being readied for the men of the 660th. Their next big show will be celebration of the formal opening of the recreation area.

Co. C, 113th Cavalry, To Learn How To Swim

Operating on the theory that in present combat tactics every soldier should know how to swim, Capt. Roland H. Joseph commanding Troop C, 113 Cav. (Mecz.), has inaugurated a course in swimming instruction for non-swimmers.

Instruction will be under the direction of Lt. Robert J. Foley. At the same time swimmers will be working on improvement, and the entire company will be able to combine recreation with training.

815th TD Bn. Scores High In Maintenance

The distinction of scoring 498 points in a preventive maintenance inspection is the record reached by the 815th TD Bn. This is an achievement never excelled by any battalion in Camp Hood.

WAAC Officer At Special School

Lt. Helen Dunlap, CO of the WAAC De., 1848 Unit, has been selected to attend John Hopkins University, Baltimore, for a special officers' training course.



This week the Panther's inquisitive reporter and photographer asked three soldiers and a WAAC, chosen at random:

Cynics have claimed that human nature is such that it must bust out in violence every couple of decades—

DO YOU THINK THERE MUST BE A WAR EVERY 20 YEARS?

Pvt. Thomas A. Boone, Prov. Tank Bn., Co. D., TDC: 'Hell no.

There is no reason for a war every 20 years. Only ignorant people want war. And we can avoid war through education. There shouldn't be any more

wars if we really go on with the plans we have been making."

Dorothy A. Middleton, WAAC Det. 1848 U.: "I don't know. I haven't thought about it. I guess there doesn't

have to be a war every 20 years. No, I wouldn't want a war that often—I wouldn't want war at all."

Sgt. Thomas McAdams, Co. C, cad. Rgt.: "Absolutely not. We should attend to our own business—but I guess we can't be isolationist and hope to avoid wars

With international commerce and everything, I guess we can't keep entirely to ourselves."

Henry T. Enfield, Co. D., 128 T.D. Bn., R.T.C.: "No, I don't.

There is always somebody trying to start something. But I think we could prevent another war by getting rid of those people before they start something—the way Hitler did this time."

The Panther Poll will be a weekly feature, if your interest warrants it. The editors invite your suggestions for questions to be asked.

AUTC Officers Have Top Softball Club

All officers of AUTC are now required to run the Training Brigade Physical Conditioning Course at least once a week.

The extreme warm weather adds quite an obstacle in negotiating the course. In addition, all officers are required to wear the steel helmet and carry the Thompson sub-machine gun.

Suggestions on how to comfortably carry this weapon over the many obstacles are now in order, say the AUTC officers.

Metal Drive Picks Up

A total of 788,915 pounds of scrap metal have been gathered since June 15 from two Texas counties by Major Ross D. Schleigh, Camp Hood scrap metal officer, and his party.

Answers To Paratroop Questions

In pointing out that paratroops are more important to the army today than ever before, Army Ground Forces Hq. has prepared a series of questions and answers for men interested in joining the paratroopers:

Question: What are paratroops?

Answer: They are troops transported by plane, landed by parachute, who carry out special missions such as capturing enemy airfields or destroying vital enemy supplies.

Q: How do I join the paratroops?

A: Arrange first of all with your First Sergeant to have a physical examination at your unit dispensary. Next write a letter of application stating that you desire a transfer from your present unit to the Paratroops, addressed to your company commander. If the application is approved, your transfer to the Parachute School at Fort Benning, Georgia, will be arranged.

Q: What are the physical qualifications?

A: The qualifications are: Age 18 to 32, inclusive; Weight—not to exceed 185 pounds; Height—not to exceed 72 inches; Vision—distant vision uncorrected must be 20-40 each eye, or better; a serious case of flat feet will disqualify; venereal disease will disqualify an applicant; Nervous System must be normal; painful arches, recurrent knee or ankle injuries, recent fracture, old fracture, with deformity, pain or limitation of motion, recurrent dislocations, recent severe illness, operation or chronic disease disqualifies; Blood Pressure—must be normal.

Q: Can I try to join again if rejected previously for some administrative reason?

A: Yes. The fact that you were turned down on a prior application due to your General Classification Test score or some other administrative reason does not bar you from applying again.

Q: What will I be taught at the Parachute School?

A: First of all you will be given training designed to "toughen up" hands, legs and muscles which will be needed in the work which will be assigned. Then will come a gradual period of training in jumping. To accustom the student parachutist to the sensation of descent, you will be given rides in a seat guided by cables attached to a 250 foot tower. Then comes a series of qualification jumps from a plane at varying heights. In addition you will learn how to pack your parachute. Along with these instructions comes training in specialized work to be done once a landing is made, such as driving a motorcycle, driving a locomotive, how to use explosives and the advantages of surprise attack.

Q: Is there extra pay involved?

A: Yes, Parachutists are paid \$50 monthly in addition to the pay of their respective grades. A private receives \$100 a month minimum.

Gets Soldier's Medal

Cpl. Sylvester Helph, 825th TD Bn., was awarded the Soldier's Medal but was not present for the ceremonies shown in the picture in last week's Panther.

NEW 1ST—1

T-Sgt. C. Cunnagin is the new first sergeant of Co. A, 128th Tng. Bn., R.T.C. Sgt. Cunnagin came to Camp Hood last October.

Sends 26 Men To ASTP

The 653rd TD Bn., AUTC, is sending 26 men to the Army Specialized Training Unit at Texas A&M College this month. The men will go on to universities from Texas A&M.

SERVICE TROOP ORDERLY ROOM

By T/5 Thomas L. Christian Troop C, 113th Cav. Regt. (Mecz.)

INSPECTION REWARD—One of the monotonous phases of Army life has been turned into something interesting for the men of the 113th Cav. Regt. (Mecz.). Under a plan developed by Col. William S. Biddle, Co. Tng. Brigade, a score is kept on weekly inspections and every week the best troop in the regiment, according to these scores, is designated "Best Administered Troop" for that week. The large plaque seen at the right indicates the award, the winning troop having the right to display this plaque over the orderly room door.

In order to win the award, a troop must pass almost perfectly in five inspections: barracks, mess hall, motors, supply rooms, and ordnance, all carefully surveyed by a regimental staff inspection group. Troop discipline indicated by M. P. reports is also considered for the award.

In ten weeks of operating this plan, these troops have been consistent winners: C, B, E, F, and Service Troop. The remaining units are on their toes to win their first award.



"Grasshopper" Aids TDs Mass Fire Power And Outwit Enemies

That the "Grasshopper" and the Black Panther make a sound working combination is being shown conclusively by the Tactics Department of the TD School which now schedules several courses in which the light observation plane and the TDs work in conjunction to outwit and destroy the common enemy.

The planes, stationed at Temple, work from the Camp Hood Airport. They fly on missions involving liaison with TD Units and troops from the TD School. The missions most called for are air-ground liaison, methods of

communication, camouflage study, tracking, march control, artillery adjustment and photography.

While the squadron personnel gain experience working with the TDs, TD officers and men learn the advantages of the "elevated observation post," which they may have at their disposal in combat, and benefit from the direct criticism of concealment and march discipline.

Learn Value Of Plane

The Air Observers' Class, second of which is now in session, is one of the means through which TD officers learn the value of air observation, and get actual flying observing experience. They practice obtaining and employing such information as the plane seeks in combat—route reconnaissance, likely enemy approaches, information or friendly and enemy troops, terrain favorable for TD employment, bivouac and assembly areas, traffic control and concealment.

The knowledge and experience gained above is used in the Air-Ground Liaison course, where the "Grasshopper" is used to get superior observation and knowledge over "enemy" tank units, in a weekly field demonstration. On a warning that enemy armor is approaching, the plane takes off from its concealed position, reports the enemy's force, speed and direction of the march, and keeps the battalion commander informed. Having been able to choose their ground, and having up-to-the-minute information on the enemy, the TDs can be most effectively employed.

Air-Ground Talk

The demonstration also shows the possibilities of air-ground communication—radio, panels, message drop and pick-up, painted signs, and voice communication.

The "Grasshopper" plane has proved to be workable both in actual combat and in training. Used to supplement the far-ranging reconnaissance company, aerial observation gives unit commanders that extra bit of information that enables them to outwit the enemy and properly employ their massed fire power.

Made Warrant Officers

M-Sgt. Charles A. Eisenhower, of AUTC headquarters, recently received appointment as Warrant Officer, junior grade. He is now assigned to the administration section of AUTC.

Roger F. Paulson, of St. Paul, Minn., formerly staff sergeant in AUTC's supply department, received appointment as Warrant officers realize that you may have He has the same job as before.

YANK Rates Up Aug. 1

The price of YANK magazine will be changed. Beginning September 1st, the price will be \$1 for six months (26 issues), and \$2 for one year (52 issues), according to a War Dept. memorandum.

Subscriptions will be accepted only from military personnel, except in such cases where commercial subscription agencies meet special conditions set up by the War Dept.

Graduating Class To Hear Col. Purdue

Col. Branner P. Purdue, director of the Tactics Department of TD School, will address the 49th Officer Candidate graduation exercises Friday at 11 a.m.

Colonel Purdue has served as a foreign observer for the TDC with the British 8th Army in North Africa.

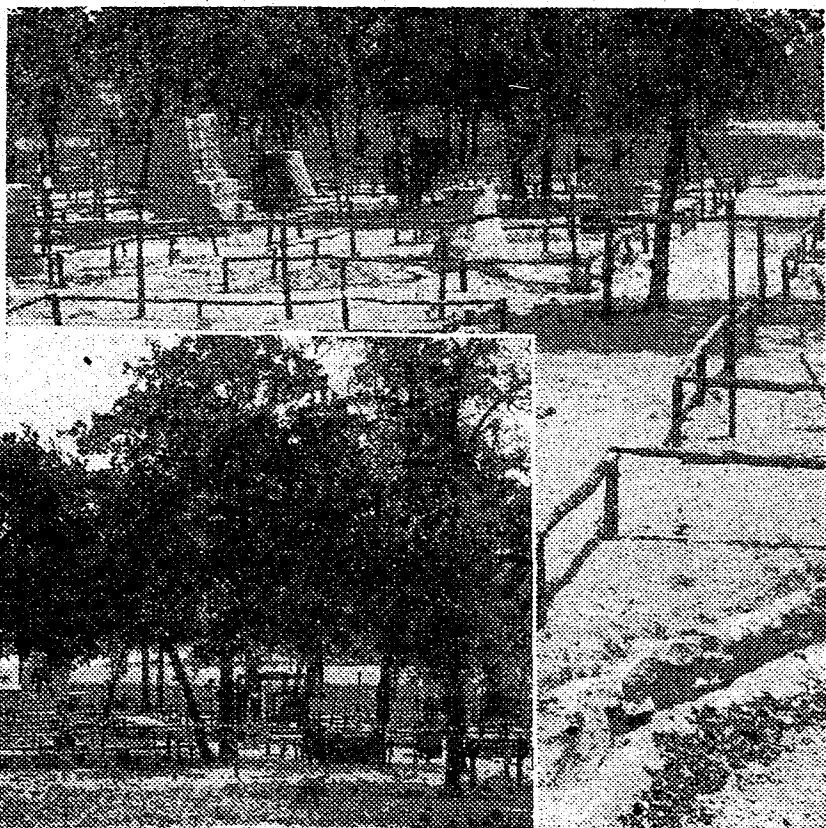
The graduation exercises will be held in the 24th Street theater, and the public is invited.

Swiss Authority Approves Treatment Of War Prisoners

Treatment of German prisoners of war in the internment camp at North Camp Hood fully complies with the regulations of the Geneva conference, a representative of the Swiss legation advised Camp Hood authorities, after an inspection of the prison camp, recently.

The Swiss legation inspects German and American prisoners of war camps to report back to the home country as to the treatment of prisoners.

KEEPING CLEAN —
Part of the Sanitation Demonstration area built in the BUTC area at the North Camp, and below, an overall view of the same area. The Area was built after study by the BUTC Surgeon.



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

Jap, Nazi Talk Tests TD's On Radio Work

The hiss of Japanese and the harsh guttural of spoken German often resound through headsets and speakers during field problems presented by the communications department of the Tank Destroyer School. Lt. Henry McCarnes, instructor, is a student of the Japanese language and he puts his knowledge into good effect, lending authenticity to the field operations course. Several of his associates provide the "Germanic touch."

The realistic field problem is set up so the class operates a tank destroyer battalion air net, adhering to the principles of communication used universally by troops of the Allied Nations. Queer sounding identification names are given to the various vehicles along with other artifices used to "disconcert" listeners-in.

Entraining in all types of TD vehicles, the class goes into the field for an actual test. The instructors attempt to lead the column astray. It is required that all messages be authenticated before they are heeded by the men. This harassing continues on arrival at the field positions. The students are on their own and must resort to their own ingenuity to defeat the plans of the instructors bent on interfering with radio reception, jamming the air lanes, and pulling the tricks the Japs and Germans may be expected to use.

Capt. Stewart McCallum, chief the section in charge of the course, indicates that the native intelligence of the students has been well demonstrated in devising ways and means of getting their messages through despite all difficulties.

No Kidding, There Are Lots Of Places To Sleep In Waco Panther Park Or Temple

With the hottest part of the summer making its annual appearance in this part of Texas, a cool week-end away from camp will be a gift from heaven—if you can find a place to sleep.

In Waco, the Cotton Palace Park has almost 200 beds ready for use. The Park is maintained by the special service office of Camp Hood. Men can register there at any time of the day or night and for 25 cents, get a good bed, showers and toilet facilities. It is planned to have a cafeteria open Sundays. So if you go to Waco and find yourself without a place to sleep, the Cotton Palace Park, just a few blocks from downtown on the bus, is the place to head for around curfew time.

Lampasas is the home of the now famous Panther Park. There the townspeople have turned over to the Army a beautiful tract of land. You can swim and sunbathe and play ball or just loaf. You can get a bunk in the barracks for 25 cents, or if you are married, you and your wife can rent a cabin for as long as three days. There is also room for whole battalions to bivouac in the area. And no KP with the meals. The cafeteria serves food at the same prices as at the Service Clubs in camp.

Panther Park is the first enlisted men's country club in the United States. You can go there alone and like it or go there with your date or get a date there or if you must, you can go there with your wife. All this is yours, and

cool water, too. You can hop the bus for Panther Park, at the Central Bus depot in camp. Or go to Gatesville if you are in the North Camp and get a bus to the park from there.

If you only have time to reach Temple and you begin to think of going back to camp when you see the mobs on the week-ends, stop and reconsider. There are free beds at the CCC camp on 13th street north of the overpass as you come into town. You can't find a breakfast in the area, but a few steps and you're back in the heart of Temple.

So don't let the heat and the crowds fool you. If you can live through the torments of wrangling a week-end pass and can get to Waco or Lampasas or Temple, THERE IS A BED FOR YOU—and the most it will cost is a quarter.

AUTC Officers Getting Physical Conditioning

The AUTC officers softball team, activated in May of this year, has hit a winning streak. The club chalked up its tenth straight victory last week.

Led by Col. N. J. Wiley, Jr. and Lt. W. H. Leo, the club has been functioning on all cylinders. They have turned back such strong outfits as; the 374th Engineers, Training Brigade and TD School

Student Regt. To Play Return Game With BAFS

Men at Camp will have a chance to see one of the best ball games in these parts when the fast Student Regiment team plays a return engagement with the Blackland Flying School nine at the Tank Destroyer School's 24th St. diamond Friday night. The TD School team is considered one of the best in camp and they whipped the flyers in the first game played.

"Play Ball" will be heard at 6:15 p. m.

Hospital Has "Hit Parade"

Patients in the Station Hospital pooled all their talent Tuesday night when they staged their own "Hit Parade" in the Red Cross Recreation building, with the help of the Red Cross and the 113th Cav. band.

The idea for the show came from Miss Ruth Elder of the Red Cross. Patterned after a radio program, the songs were picked in a poll taken last week. "You'll Never Know" was first place. Much of the success for the show came from the cooperation between the patients and the Red Cross workers.

666 TD Bn. Has Its First Formal Revue

The 666th TD Battalion, now well along in its training at BUTC, held its first formal review on July 9th. The battalion was reviewed by Maj. Walter S. Mullins, formerly with the Tactics Department of TDS, now CO of the battalion. The 666th is part of the 21st Group, commanded by Col. Frank Silliman.

The battalion is now in bivouac north of the Leon river.

Special BUTC Sanitation Display At North Camp Designed By Unit's Surgeon

In key with the Army's policy of preserving the strength of its fighting men, the Basic Unit Training Center at North Camp has constructed a sanitation demonstration area where soldiers in training may learn the most simple and practical measures for the preservation of health and the prevention and control of diseases.

Major John H. Carlock, BUTC surgeon, who designed the sanitation area, visited several replacement training areas in the United States to get ideas for the new installation at North Camp Hood.

Visited Barclay

He paid particular attention to the sanitation area used in training at Camp Barclay Medical RTC, reputed to be one of the finest of its kind. Returning to Camp Hood in March, the Major began designing the new area, which was built by a detachment of 374th Engrs.

The area is divided into an elementary section of eight basic installations, whose principles will be thoroughly ingrained in all members of the command; and an advanced section of sixteen exhibits of field sanitation measures, which must be learned by all officers, noncommissioned officers, mess and medical department personnel.

Shown To Small Group

In order to best demonstrate the feature of the sanitation area, only small groups of company size or less are taken through the area at any one time. An instructor leads the group, explaining the functions of each installation and answering questions so that each individual has a chance to thoroughly learn the principles that are being taught.

Among the installations in the sanitation demonstration area are kitchen waste disposal pits, field showers and wash troughs, mess gear washing facilities, clothing disinfestors, incinerators and trash burners, food containers, and field refrigerators.

Czech Head Radio Guest Of OCS Man

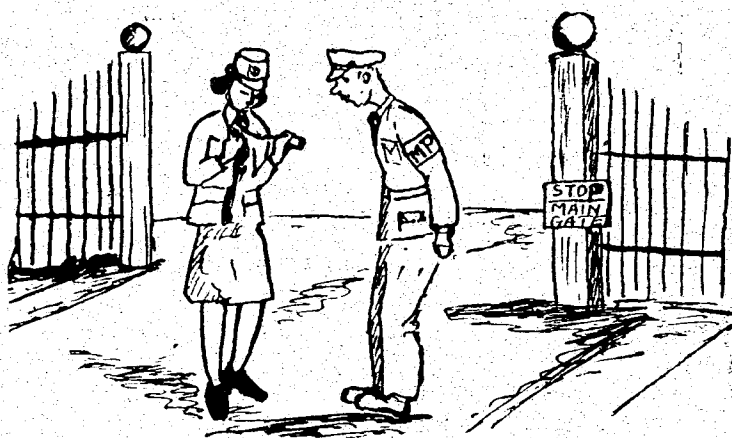
Officer Candidate Monte G. Randall, of the Tank Destroyer School, was formerly owner and director of the Public Radio Forum, the largest and most popular radio program of its kind in Chicago.

Candidate Randall was commentator on this Saturday evening program, discussing news events and interviewing top personalities of the day. Among the more famous guests who appeared on his program were Eduard Benes and Jan Masaryck, co-founders of the Republic of Czechoslovakia.

Switch 1st Sergeants

HQ Co. and Co. C of the 666th TD Bn. BUTC, have switched first sergeants. Sgt. B. Naren is now with Co. C and Sgt. R. Medley is with the HQ Co.

And This From The Fort Sheridan Target



Come! Come! Let's See Your Dog Tags



PROTESTANT (NON-DENOMINATIONAL)

9:30 AM
Chapel 176 E. Brig.
Chapel 639 162nd St
Chapel 2109 East 37th
Sta Hosp Red Cross Bldg
Chapel 902 50th St.

11:00 AM
Post Chapel 52nd St
Chapel 289 West Brig
Chapel 639 162nd St
Chapel 2209 School Area
Chapel 115 268th

6:30 PM
Chapel 115 268th St
Chapel 639 162nd St
Chapel 2209 Sch Area
Chapel 29 West Brig.

COLORED TROOPS

11:00 AM
Chapel 513 64th St
10:00 AM—6:30 PM
Stockdale 2:00 p.m.
Women's Bible class 10:00 a.m.
Chapel 639 162nd

Enlisted Men's Bible class
..... 10:30 a.m.

ROMAN CATHOLIC

Masses—Sunday, July 18, 1948
Station Hospital, Red Cross
Bldg. 6:30 a.m.

Theater No. 4, 24th St. 9:00 a.m.
Field Mass, 162nd St.

Area 11 a.m.
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Novena Service, Sunday,

July 18 6:30 p.m.

Chapel No. 176—164th St. & Brig

EVENING WEEKDAY MASSES
Tuesday, Chapel 176

East Brig 6:30 p.m.
Friday, Chapel 176

East Brig 6:30 p.m.

MOORING WEEKDAY MASSES
Chapel 176, East Brig ... 6:30 p.m.

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
Saturday

CONFESIONS
Before Every Weekday Mass

Saturday: 3-4 p.m.,
Sta. Hosp. Red Cross Bldg.

Saturday: 6-9 p.m.,
Chapel 176, East Brig.

LUTHERAN
Post Chapel 52nd St.

July 18 at 6:30 p.m.

EPISCOPAL
Chapel 289 West Brig.

July 18 at 6:30 p.m.

JEWS
English 7:30 p. m.

Orthodox 8:30 p. m.
Latter Day Saints

Chapel 902 ... July 18, 50th St.
July 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Dance Tonight Will Cost GI's One Buck

By special arrangement George Olsen will play for an

Enlisted Men's dance at the Field House tonight, Thursday, June 15.

This will take the place of the usual Thursday night dance.

The price will be \$1 for enlisted men. Girls will be admitted free.

Tickets are on sale at the Service Clubs, the Special Services Office, or at the Field House, and may be bought at the dance.

The dance will start at 8:30.

U-Boat, Bombs Followed TD On World Trip

Pvt. Gerhard Hover Was Purser On Ship Caught In Asia When War Broke; Saw Greece Collapse

(Pvt. Gerhard Hover was born in Denmark. First with the 134th Tng Bn. RTC, Hover is now in the weapons dept. of the TD School. This is his story of his world travels during the early day of the war.)

By Pvt. Gerhard Hover

It was September 1, 1939 and I was in Singapore at that critical moment in world history. I was signed on a Danish Motorship as purser, and when Great Britain and France declared war, we rushed for Denmark, experiencing the usual hazards of war, newlylaid minefields, contraband control, and floating and magnetic mines in a stormy North Sea.

Our route led from Thailand and China to India, Arabia, the Mediterranean, and on to western Europe.

After we left Denmark in December (for the last time, although we didn't know it then) we returned to Saigon, French Indo-China. Then Germany invaded Scandinavia, and we were taken to a French Port of War.

Joined Allies

With a prize crew aboard, we sailed for Marseilles all of us swore allegiance to the Allies.

Now began a real hectic journey. First to Djibouti on the Red Sea via Malaya and Ceylon. At this time the Italians declared war on England and attacked the British at Moyale, British Somaliland in Africa.

The ship was used to transfer French refugees to Madagascar. Our next order was to continue to Cape Town, Dakar and on to Bordeaux. But all hell was breaking loose in Europe and the French were near defeat. By the time we got to South Africa, France gave up and our captain gave his command over to the British. Cape Town Highlanders, crack South African troops, disarmed our prize crew so we could continue to work with the British.

Watched Battle

The ship was converted to a troop-transport and we carried men and supplies to Kenya, East Africa. The Indian ocean was seething with naval actions and there was always danger from Axis subs. Off shore from Abyssinia, we watched an Allied offensive against the Italians. Here we got into the thick of the fight, carrying men and gasoline to advanced landing parties.

I got ashore to visit the battlefields and saw that the enemy had not dug in properly and had been overrun by armored forces. The port, however, was spared some of the worst bombing for we were to use it later to carry some of the 30,000 Axis prisoners back to South Africa.

After more fighting in this sector, we were given duty around North Africa.

Here we met more difficulties. Our ship was almost attacked by a raider which the British later "disposed of." Going through the Suez Canal, we were bombed by Stukas and Italian Savoias.

It was while the evacuation of

TD SAILOR—

Pvt. Gerhard Hover, right, saw all the Axis tricks when the ship on which he was purser ran Nazi and Jap blockades.



Greece was going on and we were in Alexandria harbor that I had my worst taste of bombing. The Axis raided systematically. Every 15 minutes a new wave of planes came over. I had a good view of the port from my post on board ship.

Had Discipline

I must admit, I was a little scared; but good discipline held us all together. Even with bombs bursting so close they threw you to the decks, our crews stayed at their guns.

The last trip I made to North Africa was in October. I had a three-day leave in Cairo and watched preparations for the rout of Rommel. While visiting the Pyramids I saw the arrival of the big Allied military leaders, including Field Marshal Smuts of South Africa.

The rest of the battle story is now history. The American invasion on the West sure helped morale. We saw results.

I think the training here will be well-appreciated when you go into battle. Because the enemy I saw is tough.

TDS Recreational Area In Charge Of OCS Regt.

The Tank Destroyer School Recreation Area is now open for the second week, with the Officer Candidate School Regiment detailed to operate the camp last week-end. Facilities include: a swimming pool, baseball and softball diamonds, volleyball courts, horseshoe pitching and many other diversions. Two life guards are on duty each week-end. The regimental mess furnishes the meals for the enlisted men, and transportation is provided to and from the recreation park which is located nine miles south of Camp Hood.

Wedding Bells

Sgt. John N. Clark and Pfc. Alice B. Wiersma, WAAC, of the personnel section, RTC, North Camp Hood were married last week. Pfc. Wiersma is from Olivia, Minn., and Sgt. Clark is from Tulsa, Okla.

Cpl. Frank Spalone, Hq. Co., RTO, North Camp Hood, and Miss Clara Gray, of Temple, Tex., were married recently in Temple.

PFC Ely B. Adler, HQS. AUTC, celebrated the Fourth of July by marrying Miss Lorraine Rumpel of New York City in Temple.

S-Sgt. J. Fuchen, Co. C, 819th TD Bn., brought a bride to Camp Hood. He married the former Miss Helen Tyrell of Chicago in June.

Sgt. Eugene Bower, Hq. Co., 635th TD Bn., married Miss Marjorie Krupp of California at Hutchinson, Kan. in June.

T-Sgt. B. C. Ross, 616th TD Bn., BUTC, took a bride, the former Miss Mary Louise Bakke, in Temple on the Fourth of July in Temple on the Fourth of July. Sgt. Ross has served in the Army and National Guard since 1934.

Sgt. James Langridge, 128th Tng. Bn., RTC, married Barbara Bagley of Lampasas at the central chapel in North Camp in June. The couple had a week's honeymoon in Corpus Christi.

BUTC General Stresses Rifle Fire Training

Brig. Gen. Harry F. Thompson, Commanding General of the BUTC, North Camp, a firm believer in proficiency in rifle marksmanship, is spending considerable time personally inspecting units firing the "B" Rifle Course.

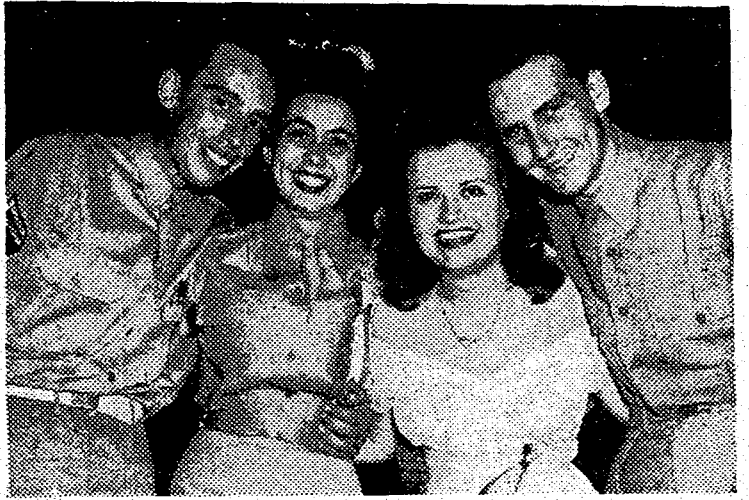
The "B" Course now being used by BUTC units has enabled increased emphasis to be put on rifle firing. Each man fires 164 rounds as against 80 used in the "C" Course.

Chief Warrant Officer

Warrant Officer Adolph Neubauer, chief of the special orders section at Tank Destroyer School Headquarters, was promoted this week to chief warrant officer, in the first such promotion since the school was activated.

Quiz Answers

1. He receives six chinese dollars, equivalent to 30 cents American money.
2. No. The unofficial WAAC service flag is a white center bordered with red. In the center is a blue star, superimposed on the gold insignia of the corps a figure of the head of Pallas Athene.
3. Exactly \$200.47.
4. 80 per cent.
5. There are more than 250,000 trained pilots.
6. Approximately one and a half tons.



LIGHTLY CROWNED—Nine pretty girls from nearby towns, pirouetted before a large crowd of soldiers, WAACs, and civilian girls at a dance sponsored by the 37th St. Service club. When the applause ceased two had been chosen Queens—Miss Dorothy Ann Klecka, above with her escort Cpl. W. Gentile, and Aux. Bessie Cartigmelia, escorted by Cpl. Matty Pappus.

Last Chance For Insurance Without Examination Aug. 10

Midnight of Aug. 10th marks the deadline for buying life insurance without a physical examination. Major L. T. Goode, Camp Hood insurance officer, pointed out that this chance to buy insurance without examination represents an unusual opportunity, one never available in a far less hazardous civilian life.

It means that until Aug. 10th a soldier buying National Service Life Insurance can get the maximum amount at the minimum rate regardless of his physical condition. The opportunity is

available to men who have less than \$10,000 insurance and want to increase their policies to the maximum, or those who have none and want to initiate a policy. It is also available to any soldier who may have been previously rejected for any reason.

Rigid Exam To Be Required

After the deadline date all applicant's for the Army's National Life Insurance who have been in service for more than 120 days must pass a rigid physical examination to obtain additional insurance or a new policy, even if it is only for one thousand dollars.

The current campaign at Camp Hood is aimed at the men who have failed to buy the maximum protection, and at the less than 10 per cent who have no insurance protection at all.

During the month of June the Camp Insurance Office wrote 1,224 policies, which was a drop from the number written the previous month; but that is not necessarily discouraging, it was pointed out, as insurance coverage in camp is pretty wide, and there are increasingly fewer men in need of protection.

Value of Insurance

Currently almost 91 per cent of the men in camp are protected; and the average size of their policies is \$7,975. The aim, of course, is for 100 per cent at \$10,000.

The value of insurance, Maj. Goode said, is in the peace of mind it gives a soldier, in his knowing that no matter what happens to him, his family will be protected.

For the soldier, personally the insurance can have a post-war value through conversion, though he may continue the policy at the

same premium rate, until the expiration of its five year term.

Choices for Conversion

If he chooses to convert the policy, he has a choice: Ordinary life policy, which provides the maximum amount of permanent protection for the minimum level premium payment throughout his lifetime.

The 20-payment life policy provides that premiums shall be payable for 20 years. At the end of this period premium payments cease and the insurance becomes paid up for the remainder of the insured's life for the face amount of the policy.

The 30-payment life is the same as the 20-payment, except that it becomes paid up in 30 years.

If a soldier chooses to convert his policy to one of the three, the premium will be based on his age at the time he first took out the army insurance, rather than at the time of conversion.



"Private Simpson — Just Because ya gonna go to ASTP is no sign ya gotta go collegiate on us!"

Male Call

by Milton Caniff, Creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



Flank Coverage



With PFC Keith Quick

When a fellow plays, follows, eats and sleeps one particular sport for 20 years he's bound to bring home lotsa' bacon. That's the case of T-4 James B. Wainer, assistant mess sergeant in the Student Regiment. Prior to his new job of handling army chow menus, Wainer was an expert tennis player. For 20 years he went at the game from every angle, professionally as well as simon-pure. He competed in the national lawn tennis, national public parks and major mid-western tournaments, in which he found himself matching racquet strokes with Bobby Riggs and Frank Kovacs, former national court champs. Wainer captured the singles title in the Ridge County, Jackson Park and Hamilton Park tournaments in Illinois just prior to his exchanging a T-shirt for khaki . . . Pfc. Robert Cullen, of the 113th Cavalry Band, who in a recent issue of the Panther, laid claim as the checker champion of all Hood, no longer rules the spotted board. Cullen was recently challenged by T-4 L. G. Friel, of Hq. Company, Training Brigade, who ousted the claimant in each of two matches. We're wondering who'll dethrone Friel! . . . Pvt. Paul V. Ferris, of White Plains, New York, latest addition to the graded test section at TDS headquarters, was an athletic star at Syracuse University prior to accepting Uncle Sam's terms. Ferris starred at end on the Syracuse football team and played forward on the university's varsity basketball quintet . . . Cpl. William B. Lindsay, of Company D, Academic Regt., is a guy who takes his baseball seriously. He can hardly wait to get out on the diamond and play ball. In a recent game, Lindsay put on a "Joe Jackson" act; he suddenly called time in order that he might remove his shoes and play in his bare feet. The fact that Cpl. Lindsay hails from York, South Carolina doesn't particularly explain his desire romp over the beckoning bermuda with his bare feet. Perhaps it all lay in the fact that Lindsay is an alumnus of the Appalachian State Teachers College, and that he taught history in high school one year prior to donning army regalia. Anyway, he claimed his GI shoes got "hot" and "heavy" that afternoon. Figure it out, we can't!

Versatile Runner Holds Canadian Track Record

Camp Hood has many former college letter-men, but few can match the exploits or versatility of Sgt. Lloyd F. Troseth, S-4 clerk of the Academic Regiment, Tank Destroyer School.

A native of Hannaford, North Dakota, he attended North Dakota State College, where he became a track man and all-around athlete. He has run against such famous stars as Ralph Metcalfe and Jesse Owens. While in school he set North Dakota State records in the 100 and 220 yard dash events. He

still holds the Western Canadian record, which he set in Saskatchewan, by clipping the 100 yard dash in 9.6 seconds. His record in the 220 is 21.9 seconds.

Sgt. Troseth was a member of the North Dakota State basketball team in 1938 and '39, when it won two North Cntral Conference championships. For the last four years prior to his induction, he had been active in semi-pro baseball.

Sgt. Troseth entered the service Feb. 7, 1942, and has been in the Academic Regiment since Aug. 15, 1942. He is one of the outstanding stars on the regimental baseball team. He has two brothers in the Army, both stellar athletes.

But not all the sergeant's talents are confined to athletics. Recently he was accepted by the local ASTP field board for eventual assignment to a STAR Unit, where he will try for a linguistic scholarship in the Scandinavian tongues.

OCS Team Wins Again

The 4th Company OCS Regiment softball club won its seventh straight game last week, defeating the Hq. Co. Regt. softballers, 10 to 4.

Candidate C. Fox is manager of the 4th company OCS aggregation.



SPORTS PAGE



Student Regt. Nine Wallops Blackland, 9-1

The Student Regiment baseball nine won its 13th straight victory, 9 to 1, in an upset win over the highly-touted Blackland Flying School team last Sunday at Katy Park in Waco.

T-5 Herb Karpel, former hurler for the Kansas City Blues, was on the mound for the regiment. Karpel held the Flyers hitless for six full frames, and the Waco nine was unable to cross the plate until the final inning when they shoved over their lone tally of the game.

The "Students", who are proving themselves the best nine on Hood soil, stretched seven timely hits into nine runs.

Up until last Sunday's game, the Blacklands outfit had turned back all Camp Hood teams it had opposed, but Sgt. Alan S. Rose's nine left no doubt last Sunday that Camp Hood does possess a top-flight flavor of baseball talent.

Incidentally, in winning their 13th straight the Students now lead the Camp Hood baseball league with a perfect record of five wins and no losses.

Score By Innings

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829th Bn. Ball Club Victors

In an attempt to win their fourth straight game in as many starts, the 827th TD Bn. baseball team was defeated by the 829th TD Bn., 6 to 2, in a recent game played on the 827th diamond.

The 829th took the lead in the opening frame, but speed, plus a combination of extra base raps in the third inning, put the 827th out in front until the sixth stanza. In this inning, the 829th unleashed a barrage of hits, supported by four errors on the part of the 827th fielders, to put across the deciding tallies.

T-4 Simpson led the hitting attack for the losers, collecting two safeties in three trips to the plate.

S-Sgt. Haines, the losing pitcher, whiffed 10 men.

Baseball Standings

"League A"

	GP	W	L	Pct
Student Regt.	5	5	0	1.000
Academic Regt.	5	4	1	.800
605th TD Bn.	5	3	2	.600
635th TD Bn.	3	1	2	.333
825th TD Bn.	4	1	3	.250
651st TD Bn.	2	0	2	.000
652nd TD Bn.	4	0	4	.000

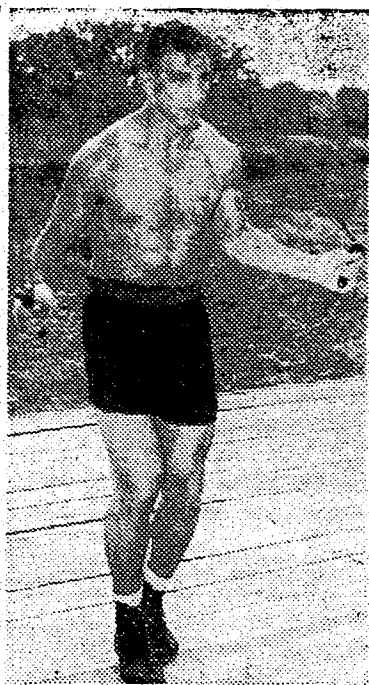
"League B"

	GP	W	L	Pct
OCS Regt.	5	3	2	.600
113th Cav.	5	3	2	.600
653rd TD Bn.	4	2	2	.500
657th TD Bn.	4	2	2	.500
801st TD Bn.	5	2	3	.400
650 TD Bn.	3	1	2	.333

ASTB Officers Beat RTC Staff Team

The 132nd ASTB staff officers volleyball team defeated the RTC S3 section officers in a recent series played at North Camp Hood. The ASTB club, which has not been beaten all season, kept its record intact by winning all three games of the series.

The two teams will play a return series in the near future. The RTC S-3 team will be out to break the long string of victories rolled up by the ASTB club



Camp Hood Signal Corps Photo

Cpl. Joe Muscato

827 Bn. Club Beats Temple Team, Truck Bn.

The 827th Bn. Tng. Brig. baseball team took the road recently and traveled to Temple, where they engaged the Temple All-stars in a doubleheader, winning both ends of the twin set, 22 to 2 and 5 to 3.

In the first game, the "Destroyers" scored 22 times, while the Templeites scored only twice, their runs being unearned.

Terrific hitting from the bats of S-gt. Harden, Pfc. Elmer, Pvt. Frederick, T-5 Simpson, S-Sgt. Shavers, S-Sgt. Early and Sgt. Bowes, accounted for the long string of tallies by the victors. Harden and Elmer had a perfect day at bat, each getting four for four.

Haines Pitches

Sgt. Haines was on the mound for the 827th during the first three stanzas, giving up no hits, three walks and fanning five all-stars. Haines was relieved by Lt. Zeigler, who allowed no hits and walked none in two frames of work.

In the second game the TD's were slowed down to a two-run decision, winning 5 to 3 behind the four-hit pitching of Pfc. Leatherwood.

The winners hitting attack was almost a duplicate of the opening game. Harden again scored perfect at the plate, getting three for three.

Leatherwood whiffed nine of the all-stars and gave up three walks during his six innings on the hillcock.

The 827th TD Bn. club, in a recent game officially inaugurating their baseball season, defeated the Provisional Truck Bn. nine, 7 to 0, before an enthusiastic gathering of baseball fans.

Feature stick work came from the bats of S-Sgts. Harden and Early. Harden had a perfect day at the plate.

Twirling chores were handled by Pfc. Leatherwood, who gave up no hits and one base on balls during his three innings on the hill. Leatherwood was relieved by Sgt. Haines, who allowed 1 hit in four innings. Both hurlers struck out seven batters each.

The 827th team is managed by Sergeant Major Quincy Powell, and is in the market for games on or off the Post.

Wins Inter—Bn. Game

The Company C, 134th Bn. RTC, baseball team, out in new uniforms, took the measure of the Company B, 134th Bn. nine, 7 to 6, in a recent game of inter-company play at North Camp.

Joe Muscato, Top Boxer, At North Camp

When Cpl. Joe Muscato, of Buffalo, New York, finishes his day's duties as a cadre member with the Replacement Training Center, North Camp, he dons his fighting togs to keep in training as a pugilist.

In private life he was one of the nation's leading heavyweight boxing contenders.

Muscato came to the North Camp from Camp Croft, S.C., where he received infantry training. Now he's on special duty with the 149th Bn., RTC, working with trainees in the Army Specialized Training Program.

Had 24 Bouts

Out of 24 bouts before entering the army, Muscato lost only three, one to Jimmy Bivens, now a national ranking light heavyweight. Bivens gave the corporal his first setback in two years. Previous to the defeat by Bivens, Muscato erased the highly-touted Lem Franklin, Cleveland, Ohio, mauler before 35,000 fans. It was a knockout, Muscato flooring Franklin several times before putting him away for the final count. At that time Franklin was the number two ranking heavyweight in the country.

Muscato has punched his way to victories over such top-flight ringmen as; Teddy Yarzoz, former middleweight crown holder; Al Boros, of Bridgeport, Conn.; Jim Robinson, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Clayton Worlds, of Chicago and Turkey Thompson of Indiana.

Muscato's final pro ring appearance took place in Chicago last January, where he stopped big Johnny Denson of Indianapolis, Indiana, in one round.

Well-Built Fighter

Muscato tips the scales at 200 pounds, but he usually melts this down to 194, his regular fighting weight. He has terrific back and leg muscles, is 23 years old and in his prime as a fighter.

With the permission of Army officials, Muscato hopes to meet any of the heavyweight champions in the county. He is especially interested in taking on Texas challengers.

Formerly with the 44th Division at Fort Dix, New Jersey, Joe entered the Army in 1940, returned to civilian life in 1941, and then was called back to the fighting forces a few months after Pearl Harbor.

113th Clips 657th Club

The 113th Cavalry baseball club turned back the 657th TD Bn., 5 to 4, in a recent Post national league game.

The game, a close one all the way, saw Cpl. Marino Carpani produce the winning punch in the Cavalry half of the final frame, a long hit to the outer garden which scored a mate ahead to put the game on ice for the Cavalrymen.

Co. C, 815th Bn. Wins In Softball

The Company "C" softball team, of the 815th TD Bn., defeated the Provisional Trucking Bn. softball ten, 1 to 0, in a recent game played on the 815th diamond.

The Truckers, prior to meeting the company C club, had been beaten only twice.

Dunham was the winning pitcher. He allowed the Truckers only one hit.

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